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The election is over. The people or to be more correct about 28 out of 59 eligible to cast their ballots have been heard from. The elected councillors are P. I. McAnally, D. G. Harvie and Joe. Calhoun; and the standing of the candidates at the poll was as follows:—

P. I. McAnally	21
D. G. Harvie	18
J. W. Calhoun	13
D. Ontkes	11
G. Becker	10
G. W. Boyce	9

After the result was made known Councillor Calhoun disappeared in a somewhat mysterious manner and re-entered the room shortly afterwards, having journeyed unto the pool room of Harry Mann, with a box of Buck-Eyes, and all present with the exception of one or two non-smokers, lit up and after settling down comfortably proceeded to drag forth orations from various people of the room. Only councillors Harvie and Calhoun of the new council were present and the first named was the first victim called upon and he addressed the gathering in a short and appropriate manner as follows:—"Gentlemen and fellow electors, I believe that's the way to start, the old council have had their trials, and although I suppose I should thank the voters for their support, yet in view of the statement I made regarding the tribulations of the old council I do not know if I had better. I am not old enough to have that experience, so I cannot really say anything concerning the policy of the old council. Councillor Harvie also said a tribute to the old council. Councillor Calhoun was then called upon and said that Councillor Harvie had covered the ground and that he could not say anything. Councillor Harvie then said "Say you're glad Joe" to which the councillor replied "I'm not."

The cigars were good, the gathering happy, rings of smoke were in the air and the only member of the old council present at the time, Mr. W. B. Edwards, was called upon. He referred to the work accomplished by the old council and the financial standing of the village. With regard to the municipal debt Mr. Edwards said "He had heard that it had been stated that the council had run the village \$700.00 in debt during the past year, he could not tell how such incorrect information had become circulated as the village was \$500 in debt at the time of his first taking office, two years ago, and that now the debt was \$619 an increase of only \$119 in two years." In view that the expenses incurred by the council were mainly in making improvements of a permanent character; the incoming council would have more money to expend on public improvements. "He believed that the majority of the people were satisfied with the work of the council; and regarding the improvements referred to previously he would mention the purchasing of the cemetery site and the village well." Regarding the village well there had been quite a lot of discussion about the action of the council, but he believed that that body had done the correct thing. The well had been sunk in the first place by some of the citizens in the village during the early days when there were no wells in the village

THE TOWNSITE NO RANCH

An excellent ranch has our townsites become. For long have cattle wandered along our main thoroughfares regardless of the street cars and automobiles. In at our back door have intruded the animals warm, damp noses but the "village fathers" have at last spoken. The manner of their speaking is in no uncertain tones for any animals running at large upon the townsites after Tuesday, February 1st, will be impounded. If you do not want to have pound charges on your list of current expenses this year you had better take your animals away, house them in proper quarters on private property or kill and eat the "darn" nuisances.

and the shares had been bought in by the village council at \$10 each. The shares were to be deducted from the taxes of the different shareholders for two years, then if any balance was due to any shareholder it would be paid in cash. There would not be any balance he thought in fact the amount to be deducted from the taxes this year would not be large. It was understood at the time when the well was put in that it was to be taken over by the village as soon as it was incorporated. The well cost the village \$220. Mr. Edwards then wished the new council all success and resumed his seat. Councillor Harvie then asked if Mr. Edwards could tell him what the new pump in the well cost, to which Mr. Edwards answered \$11.46. Councillor Harvie then said that he had been misinformed as he was told \$17 or \$18, and that was quite a difference. Councillor Harvie also asked what became of the head of the old pump and was told that it was practically worthless but that it had been allowed in the purchase of the new pump. The councillor again mentioned that incorrect information had been given him as he had been told that it had been taken out into the country by a certain party.

Mr. Hulgren then made a statement regarding the well question and told of the great need of water at the time of the meeting of the citizens, how the settlers in the town were hauling water over a mile and that farmers hauling and shopping in town had no place to water their horses and if nothing had been done the business of the village would have gone to Carstairs and other points. "The conditions," said the speaker, "existing at the time could hardly be appreciated by later arrivals, the fact there was only one well boring outfit in the village at the time left the people at the mercy of the owner of it and they had to board the men, feed his horses and pay one dollar a foot for first hundred feet and an increase for the balance, the depth of the well being 122 feet. The shares had first been estimated at nine dollars a share; but through people leaving the district who were to have taken shares, individuals dropping out, the assessments levied at different times had made the real cost of the shares somewhere around fourteen or fifteen dollars. In reply to a question as to whether the well bored did not lose some of his drill's and spent a great while recovering them which he charged to the company, the speaker said that it was true that the borer had that misfortune but he was not paid for the time. This ended the discussion although fire protection was brought up; but the "Buck-Eyes" were burned out so the gathering dispersed.

SUCCESSFUL MASQUERADE BALL

"Und mine fraucln did feed me mita spoon mit saurkraut." Oh yes, by the way, were you at the masquerade ball given under the auspices of the Oddfellows in their hall on Friday night? Of course you were, why everyone was there. Soldiers waltzed with cow-girls and red cross nurses, servants, indians, squaws, little girls in blue, clowns, tramps, cavaliers went gaily through the intricate maze of the quadrille to the sound of gay music. Ladies from the east, ladies in resplendent costumes two-stopped and three stepped with pierrotts and the hall was a blaze of riotous colors. Costumes of every description were to be seen including the comforter with its accompanying baby.

The prizes were of a most desirable nature and the names of the winners and the nature of the article won are as follows:—
Best dressed lady, Mrs. George Stratton, alligator hand bag.
Best traveling man, Oscar Levagood, Leather traveling case.
Best sustained lady character, Miss Anna Anderson, \$5.00 cash.
Best sustained gentleman character Mr. A. Reid, \$5.00 cash.
Mrs. Stratton represented "Star of the East;" Mr. Oscar Levagood was a "Knight of the Tudor period;" Miss Anna Anderson, "A Hunting Girl;" Mr. A. Reid "A Baby." All we can say in regard to the decision is that in view of the number and variety of costumes the judges did well and the system used prevented any favoritism being shown. Supper was served in the hall by our new baker, Mr. Stevens, and if the refreshments served are any criterion of the catering abilities of the gentleman in question we believe he will, and fervently hope that he will, act in a similar capacity at many of the local entertainments.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The annual meeting of Crossfield School District, No. 752, was held in the schoolhouse on Saturday January 8th. By a motion of P. I. McAnally, seconded by Chas. Hulgren, Mr. J. A. McDougall was elected chairman of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock and the minutes of the last meeting were read. The inspectors report was read and accepted. The financial statement and auditor's report were next taken up. The statement showed a balance on hand of \$49.70. The total receipts for the year were \$2,914.00 and the expenditure amounted to \$2,864.30. The receipts included: Cash on hand, \$6.30; taxes collected, \$1,848.94; government grants, \$555.49; borrowed by note, \$500.00; and receipts from various sources \$3.27. The expenses were: Teachers salaries, \$1,471.06; Officials salaries, \$221.50; debentures, \$130.00; payments to redeem notes, \$608.55; caretaking \$127.20; fuel \$59.68; Desks, maps, postage, globes, and general supplies, \$166.32. The auditor's report was read and showed the books and accounts to be in first-class order.
At 11 a.m., the chairman called for nominations. It was moved by P. I. McAnally, and seconded by Chas. Hulgren that J. A. McDougall be nominated. At 11.30 the nominations were declared closed and J. A. McDougall, who was the retiring member, declared re-elected by acclamation. On account of the small attendance at the meeting no important business was brought up and the question of a new school was left over.

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E. M. SEAGUE,

Editor.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1910.

Editorial

Now that the election of the village council is over we must settle down to work. Of course we all know that six gentlemen were up and three have been defeated as a natural result. We have heard no expressions of a flavor like unto that of vinegar and trust that all will move along in the old harmonious way. The voice of the people has been heard and the work of the new council will be closely watched as the residents of Crossfield wait Results.

We have heard quite a few ratepayers, and any number who do not pay taxes, mention defects in our public bodies such as the school board, the board of trade and the village fathers. Now we are going to whisper a little word of four letters to the ratepayers themselves and the little word conveyed is "Duty." At the election on Monday on the last revised assessment of the village there were fifty-nine persons eligible to vote and only twenty-eight of these cast their ballots at the election. Again the annual meeting of the ratepayers of the school districts was called for Saturday and only two persons beside the three gentlemen comprising the school board and the secretary-treasurer were present. Now ratepayers of Crossfield there is one question for each meeting. In regard to the town, "How can you expect the gentlemen of the council to be progressive to do their 'Duty' if you don't do yours?" Your duty to Crossfield, to your town is not to take no interest beyond "kicking" in old corners. It's up to you as much as the council. As regards the school board we would say "Do you want an efficient school system; and are you going to do your 'Duty' by the children?" You all know the difference between the right thing and the wrong so we need say no more.

Editorial Notes

Be a postage stamp. Stick until you get there.

The Winnipeg Free Press had an announcement "Venus viewed on the Free Press building." Yet they "pulled" the play "Three Weeks" in the same City!

A Winnipeg book agent was given fifteen lashes and two years for attempted assault. We do not know how much was given for the assault or how much for following his pernicious calling.

It takes the average Canadian think that something is wrong in the republic south when a judge has to leave his court room and assure a crowd that he will sentence a man

to death if he is guilty.

We read a long article in a Calgary paper last week about loyalty. We are not going to discuss it. The subject is played out. We are satisfied, anyway, and if better "copy" than that cannot be found we will use some plate matter.

The editor expects to be among the angel throng by the time Crossfield has fire protection, and if he isn't hobnobbing with old St. Peter by the time the board of trade wakes up it will be because Gabriel arrived with the last call before he had time to shuffle off the board.

Last week the matter of good roads came in for a "going over," and we endeavored to jolt the board of trade into action, even if the outfit can't hit a 240 gait they can "move some." Now what's the matter with the new council "lolling in" on the "good roads" problem?

A writer in a New York magazine says "Canada is about as desirable a place to live in as the North Pole." We think that the writer must have accompanied Dr. Cook to the North Pole and thus is fully acquainted with the conditions and enabled to draw such startling conclusion.

"The last thing he did and the last time he was seen," is a phrase which cannot often be worked into an obituary; but that Californian editor missed the chance for a unique statement when recording the sudden departure of Patrick Murphy who fell down with two sticks of dynamite in his pocket.

The money spent on civic improvements in Calgary, and in public buildings totals up to enormous sums. In the Calgary Daily News the other day we noticed that in all probability there will be three suburban police stations erected at a total cost of \$175.00. Now we await the Alberta and Herald's yell of waste of public funds.

The Calgary police should be appreciated by the citizens of that town. In November they had 852 cases, collected fines to the amount of \$686.25, and spent \$19 in feeding the offenders. Now they are erecting three police stations at a cost of \$58.33 each. How many business men could present a list of expenses, collections, money expended on extra plant like that. Some of the Jews on 8th Ave, who have seen these things have been heard to exclaim "Vy is better than a fire."

The new council will no doubt be pleased to hear what is expected of them. The following are a few trifling matters we have heard expressed:—good sidewalks, clean back yards, clean streets, fire protection, salaried offices for all "so-socking," old age pensions, to boost Crossfield, street cars, municipal electric light system, waterworks, progressive policy, large expenditure, economy with the town funds and low taxes. We are darned glad we ain't the council for in comparison with their's our editorial tribulations will be but nothing.

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The Horseman

A GUANAUVE over the report of the recent session of the Board of Appeals shows that the leading cases in which violation of the code was charged, and against which were ringing and expression of time, and it is greatly to the credit of the officials of the association that so many cases were successfully investigated and the offender exposed. We have not much faith in the reforming powers of expulsion. Men who ring horses are guilty of a crime, punishable in many states and in every country in Europe. It is a noteworthy fact that a term in prison seldom cures a criminal, and a sentence of expulsion seldom cures the multiplier if a ringer. The exposure does some good. The publicity given by the cases in the turf journals makes the task more difficult in the future, but unfortunately the stigma does not carry with it that social disgrace which follows the man who obtains money under false pretences. A thief who is caught stealing a pocketbook, or tapping a cash drawer. Yet the offences are absolutely the same. The man who rings a horse is a thief of the meanest kind. He poses as an honest sportsman among horsemen, and then robs them of purses which they would win but for him. However, as long as it can be made profitable, it will always be indulged by that class of men who would sooner get a crooked allowance than an honest shilling. Prison is the proper place for the manipulator of a ringer, and he should get at least a month's reformation, which he could reflect and reform.

His generally taken an assumed name, and, of course, the innocent horse has to have a new name, is often disguised, and is given a new pedigree. In the case of *Idolite*, it was traced as *Mori*. It was shown that the mare was owned and driven by J. T. Harold; when he changed her name to *Mori*, he changed his to *Timonium*. This is a fair specimen case. Harold, alias Timonium, in due time was expelled. His operations were in North Dakota. Next season he will probably go east. We would mildly suggest to him that he should then change his name to *Stratman*.

Women appear to have entered into this disreputable practice. At a meeting of the Board of Appeals in New York a woman was expelled for ringing her pacer at Timonium, Md. At the meeting of the American Board of Appeals and Mrs. W. B. Snyder were expelled for ringing the bay gelding Dutch, alias Doc, and the gelding Wanderer, alias Denver Dick. This is to be deplored, as a woman is clearly less liable to supple and many horsemen who would not hesitate to expose a ringer owned by a man will hesitate to do so if owned by a woman. However, there should be no such false conception of honor. A female thief is no better than a male one, and as in neither case can they plead either poverty or ignorance, they are not entitled to any mercy.

The worst aspect of the fraudulent suppression of time is that the offense is committed either by the regular officials of associations in membership with the parent association or by the timers appointed by them, and they know the rules. When they sign the timer's sheets they know that they are signing their names to a lie. It is strange, yet true that men who are thoroughly honorable and reliable in all business and social relations of life can be induced to suppress time. If officers of associations break the rules, or tacitly yet knowingly permit their violation, they should not be surprised at the horsemen who come to their meetings riding rough-shod over them.

In one case tried it was shown that in a certain race the time of each heat was given as 2:10½ in a 2:30 class, while the real time was 2:17, 2:16 and 2:14½. In this case the timers were the culprits, the starter and other officials giving their testimony as to correct time. What we cannot understand in this case is, and it does not appear in the report, why the wrong time was allowed to appear on record. The starter, knowing the correct time, should have at once consulted with the judges and refused to announce the wrong time. While he is paid by the local association, he is responsible to the parent association, which gives him his license and can revoke it. We recollect a case well where the timers sent over a heat as 2:10½ when it was really 2:07½. The slip was at once sent back with another slip, which read: "The presiding judge and the starter make the time 2:07½. A new slip was sent over and the time was announced 2:07½."

The stupid error which the time suppressor makes is in thinking that few people know and that he does not care whether the time is correct or not. It is safe to say that every rider in the race knows, and there are always a number of interested horsemen who clock every heat and can do it as accurately as the timer. These men lose their respect for the sport when they see the rules deliberately violated by the very officials who are in a position to enforce them. We hope at the next congress of the parent associations the leading officials will draw special attention of the delegates to full application of the rules on time.

THE LAST PRAIRIE DOG TOWN

ONE of the distinguishing marks of the old wild West was the prairie dog. Where his town yet remained, the little mounds undisturbed by furrow or shed hoof, there were other things characteristic of other days—the saddlebag, grog, sage hen and deer. The cheerful little rodent has been barking a querulous protest against intru-

sion ever since the days of De Soto. In every story of the romance of the West, the harmless, worthless, entertaining little beast has found a place. The buffalo rodeo up his tower for a wallowing place, the elk fought back and forth through its winding streets. The gray wolf and the coyote stalked him in vain. Naked Indian boys made him a target for untrained arrows, and the plains resounded with juvenile war cries when some lucky shaft went home. White men told yarns about the difficulty of killing prairie dogs, saying that the animals always escaped to their holes even when an ounce of musket ball had gone straight through them. He marvelled at this when a boy and he killed three in no many shots with a .35 pistol, and then another cherished myth had exploded. Really, they have much to answer for, those old story tellers.

The prairie dog has never had any protection, even from the Audubon Societies. Farmers have poisoned him and the Department of Agriculture has published pamphlets telling how it can best be done. Yet when the prairie dog's town has finally become a field of corn or grain, no more of the West remains that is worth seeing.

One of the great states of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakota the prairie dog is pretty well gone. In all the West I know of but one prairie town, the like of which used to be observed everywhere from the Missouri River to the mountains. From Laramie Peak in Wyoming, extending these are nearly forty miles, there is an unbroken town of prairie dogs. The city forty miles long and as many wide in places. It is worth visiting, for when the town is full of them it never has been seen again in all the world. Besides, the prairie dogs of Laramie Peak still have the same companions of the plains with them, the sage cock, sharp-tailed grouse, the tall and white-tailed, a few bears, and rarely an elk.

Try a trip to the prairie dog town at the foot of the Laramie Peak, perhaps you may decide that after all the West once deserved to be called a land of romance. You may see the antelope sail on invisible wings, hear the splash of the mountain trout, have your campfire ringed about with a wolf chorus in trouble and bass, and the stumpy tail of a porcupine will wag you as he comes and merry a welcome as he ever did in the days of Lewis and Clark.

THE CONGO CRIME

(By Sir A. Conan Doyle)

CRUELTY, torture, and oppression on a nation containing over sixteen million souls, whose circumstances are more terrible than those of slaves, and among whom armless men and women and mutilated children are common every day's sight! Such are the conditions of the Congo Free State which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is attempting to ameliorate.

A few days ago Sir Arthur consented to give a personal account of the Congo Reform Movement. He is its most popular pioneer. He has brought the story of official torture and crime before a humane public, and is confident that through this means the reforms he urges will be brought about.

"We English," he said, "have plenty of faults of our own. No one can be infallible. But if there are real evils in ourselves, they are separate matters, and must be dealt with separately. At our worst we have never and never again in our empire to compare with the atrocities which, at this very moment, are being perpetrated in the Congo Free State."

"But have we a right to interfere with the internal affairs of another nation?"

"Certainly!" replied Sir Arthur. "They are not the affairs of another nation only. The Congo Free State was established on certain international conditions which have never been adhered to. The condition which granted free trade to all countries has been broken. This alone gives us our right to interfere. But the condition guaranteeing good treatment of the natives has also been violated, which converts that right into a duty. We, and all the Powers who consented to Belgian rule, must feel ourselves responsible for the welfare of the natives, and England has always taken the lead in humanitarian steps of this kind. She did so in the slave trade, for instance. She is far better informed, too, on the subject of the Congo than other nations. The Belgian Press Bureau has been able to corrupt our Press comparatively little. On the Continent, where facts have been systematically suppressed, the existing conditions are hardly known at all."

"What are the existing conditions?"

"Conditions of oppression and cruelty, of agents working for their own just advancement under the Belgian Government. I will tell you precisely what takes place. The natives are forced to produce so many balls of rubber every month, for which, under pretence of taxation, they are usually not paid at all. When they are paid it is not in money, but in various goods and objects—generally of little use to them. They are allowed no choice in the matter. If anyone resists an objection his stuff is thrown down at his door, and he has to accept it or leave it as he pleases."

"Now, you will wonder how these natives stand this kind of treatment. Here comes in the working of the system. About two thousand white agents—most of them degenerates and men of very low morals—are scattered throughout the state. An inquiry into the past of a group of agents showed that in Europe one had been a squire, one a cab-

man, one a gardener, etc. Each agent has charge of a district, and is responsible for the gathering of the rubber. Life is, so to speak, the official Belgian tax-collector. His salary is so small that he endeavors to supplement it by the commission he is allowed to receive on all the rubber he collects. This, naturally, leads him to adopt every possible method of squeezing the natives to the utmost. And he does it in the following manner:

"He engages the dreaded 'captain,' a district is too large for him to manage. He engages a 'captain,' a man who is armed savage drawn from the wild tribes of the interior, look after his interests in each of the numerous villages, terrorizing the inhabitants day and night, forcing them to work, beating them, mutilating them, and even shooting them down at their pleasure. Occasionally the natives rise and kill their tormentors; but they are, for the most part, cowed into obedience, and the white agents, who depend upon the 'captains' for full pockets and the appreciation of the Belgian Government, close their eyes to the atrocities that are perpetrated under their noses, or else themselves participate in them. They are mostly degenerates in any case."

"But what form do the atrocities take?"

"Flogging, mutilation, chain-gangs, chocking, and so forth. The 'chicot' is an instrument which the 'captains' use to beat the natives with. It is trimmed like a corkscrew. Its edges are as sharp as knife-blades. Despite the tough skin of the Africans, only a few blows will draw blood. According to Mr. Gravel, a young Englishman who has seen these atrocities—twenty-five blows, such as are given on the simplest provocation, will render a native unconscious. At the first blow, to use his words, the poor man yells abominably. Then he quiets down, and is a mere groaning, quivering body till the operation is over. Men, women, and children are treated alike. A hundred blows can either kill a man or break his spirit for life."

"Occasionally, the agents themselves have confessed to their own crimes. One of them said: 'I have killed 150 men, cut off 60 hands, and crucified many women.' It is only fair to say that these grosser physical outrages, though they still exist, are far less frequent than hitherto. The natives are so broken that they do the will of their tormentors."

"The abominable outrage of cutting off hands and feet is also very common, but it is now, I hope, extinct. It was practised by the agents and 'captains' who frequently brought the severed limbs to their superiors in order to prove their work. On one occasion among this gruesome testimony was the right hand of a little girl, who had been left to die after the amputation, and was discovered in the bush three days subsequently."

"How do you suggest bringing about your reforms?"

"By a conference of the Powers. I hope, when all the evidence will be laid before them. Popular indignation becoming so general that the matter cannot possibly be dropped. My suggestion is to continue agitating and applying the facts till the public sympathies have been so awake that the agents will actually take place, and this demolishing 'loaf' on civilization will be irreversibly removed."

OUR society has just taken up a very interesting discussion," said the psychologist.

"I am of the opinion on the subject, which is this: 'Can a man die twice?'"

"Not exactly," answered the New Yorker, "but he might move from Brooklyn to Philadelphia."

Storyettes

LAWYER: "What is your occupation?"

Witness: "I'm a piano finisher."

Lawyer: "Be a little more definite. Do you polish them or move them?"

MR. MEAKIN (who is boarding out for a few days): "By the way, Mrs. Perkins, I must confess the mutton we had for dinner today is not the kind of mutton to which I have been accustomed."

Mrs. Perkins: "Worry likely not, sir, I always gets the best."

SWEET CHILD: "Say, pa, you must be a pretty strong man!"

Pa: "Daddy so, my dear."

Why? "Child: 'Cause uncle said when he went out with you the other night you carried the biggest load of any man he ever saw without showing it!"

EXASPERATED PURCHASER: "Didn't you guarantee that this parrot would repeat every word he heard?"

Bird-Dealer: "Certainly I did."

"But he don't repeat a single word."

"He repeats every word he hears, but he never hears any."

THE electrical story craze is now bearing fruit.

"Are you a conductor?" asked a lad of a street-car attendant.

"I am," replied the courteous official.

"What is your name?"

"My name is Wood."

"Oh, that can't be," said the boy, "for wood is a non-conductor."

THEY were jollying the man about his enormous appetite, but he kept "putting away" undisturbed by the taunts. Finally he said in defence—

"Well, you see, I take after both my father and my mother. One ate a long while and the other a great deal."

PROSPECTIVE GUEST: "How much do you charge here by the month?"

Clerk: "Hum—ah—well, really, sir, I don't know, but I'll ask the manager."

Prospective Guest: "Don't know what you mean?"

"Well, sir, you see, nobody has ever stayed here over a week yet."

A WELL-KNOWN judge once relieved his judicial wisdom with a touch of humor. One day, during the trial of a case, Mr. Gunn was a witness in the box, and as he hesitated a good deal, and seemed unwilling, to tell what he knew, the judge said to him—

"Come, Mr. Gunn, don't hang fire. After examination had closed, the Bar was convulsed by the judge adding—

"Mr. Gunn you can go off; you are discharged."

DINING as honored guest with the government was Private John Allen of Mississippi, whose very whimsical way of saying things makes people smile. He told himself what happened when he was once called on to speak.

"I got up and said," exclaimed Private Allen, "that I came with the understanding that I was not to speak during the trial. Then some one cried out from the other end of the room, 'Yes, and I came with the same understanding.'"

IT was at a dinner party. The bright young man sat next to the young woman with beautiful arms and neck. The fair companion suddenly exhibited signs of nervousness. Two of his best jokes passed unnoticed. Her face wore a look of alarm. "I am in misery," she said. "I'm miserable."

"The young man looked at the beautiful arms, no signs there. "Why, where were you vaccinated?" he asked, surprisedly. "In Boston," she said, the smile chasing away the look of pain.

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A GOOD RESOLUTION

Did you form a resolution on New Year's Day?

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Have you stuck to it?

With clenched fists and gritted teeth, have you become more and more resolved, as you found it ever more surprisingly pleasant, that never again would you depart from the straight and narrow?

Do you find life easier, your work less distasteful, your friends more congenial, your appetite improved, your pulse normal, that had taste gone?

Do you find that your temper is more even, and that you're catching up with your sleep?

Is your wife proud of the improvement in you, and does she point you out with pride as a man in whom there is no fault?

Well, if that's your condition, we know what your resolution was. You've resolved to smoke only BUCK-EYES in 1910.

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FASHION AND FANCIES

THIS season has been one of novelties in colors, cloths and all of the dainty accessories belonging to a woman's wardrobe. There is one novelty that bids fair to stay in through another season, and that is the long lines of the garments. The woman of medium height is rejoicing, the plump woman will avoid too pronounced tunic draperies and the tall girl who is too tall to be properly happy wearing the long coats with the unbroken lines will welcome the arrival of the shorter coat in the Russian blouse style.

Dark colors predominate in the new Russian blouse suits this winter. Last winter the shades were light and the rich, new colors of this season are a relief. The prettiest of the shades are the reddish browns and the dark greens in corduroys and velvets. None of the Russian coats is cut by the old lines. A stunning one exhibited lately was a raven blue corduroy. It was narrow across the shoulders and fell to a point just below the hip, with the edge bound with skunk. The sleeves were long and finished at the wrists with the same fur. These frocks fasten on the left side, and this fastener beneath three exquisite ornaments of jeweled passementerie.

The neck of the new coat is finished flat, without a collar, so that it looks exactly like a shirtwaist or a lace chemise. There are a variety of suitable belts to choose from for these suits. There are embroidered ones, plain semi-girdle styles of the same materials as the coats, silk braids and the oxidized silver belts with the huge, barbaric-looking buckles.

The tailored frock is of Bedford cord, an old-fashioned material much in vogue in this year of corduroys and diagonals. The color chosen was smoke gray. The skirt, like the jacket, laps to the left side and is trimmed with braid to match the braid guide of the coat. The jacket is slashed

The new veils in the lace figuring should be carefully adjusted so as not to make the face look disfigured. Chastity figures on "crackles" backgrounds are among the close mesh mesh qualities will receive any attention with so many of the large mesh styles on the market.

The black veil is having a well-earned rest after having been pressed into service season after season. The woman who chooses her garments for their smartness is getting the deep violet, powder blue, bottle green, prune and seal. The chastity borders are a fad on the face. Paris, with her love for the unique in dress, has reversed the bordered veil, and the women wear the borders over their eyes like masks with the lace unadorned not coming down the face and chin. This is such an extreme fashion that it may hold with a few, but will hardly become general with well-dressed people.

Frequently the fur coat appears to be more of an affliction than a necessity for street wear in the city and the day frock fashioned to wear with a set of furs and no coat is far more suitable. One is of taupe colored silk and wool mixture. The skirt is embroidered in a panel on the right side below the waist line. It is made with an inverted plait to below the knees, which is stitched flat on the edges. The plait is turned back on each side at the lower part of the skirt and hangs loose. The back of the skirt is made with a panel stitched flat to the upper part and hanging loose at the bottom, while the inverted plait on the left side of the skirt is stitched to the bottom. The skirt is finished with a hem.

The corage laps to the right side and is slightly draped from under an embroidered ornament of taupe satin. The lower part of the corage, the girdle, the tucked yoke are all of the same satin and the latter are outlined with bands of embroidery. The collar is of cream colored net. The arm hole of the corage is loose from the lining and piped on the edges with satin. A cuff of embroidered satin finishes the sleeves. Fashion seems to be uncertain whether the fine sleeve; the lower part of the sleeve is of tucked satin.

Another frock is of olive green soft satin. The skirt is slightly shirred at the waist line on each side of the front. The fullness is held together at the knees with an embroidered skirt ornament. The sides of the skirt slope back over the hips and are slightly draped from under each side of the back, which is shirred at the waist line. The lower part of the skirt is finished with a loose fold of satin. The corage is draped over the left side. The sleeve is one piece with the body of the corage and is trimmed from the neck line to the wrist on top with tiny bands of embroidery over shirring of chiffon. The corage is embroidered in a band about the neck and around each side of the front. The vest is of satin embroidered with self color. The collar and lower sleeve are of embroidered chiffon. The soft girdle is of satin finished with a rosette of the same.

Carnations rarely, if ever, are a suitable corage bouquet. They are valuable flowers for room decoration and to be carried with an evening dress. Made into bunches of three or four and laid flat with ferns at the front of the tailor coat they lose their beauty and add none. With the street suit a single rich red rose bud, with a spray of foliage, is far better than a number together. Of course, roses may be shaped to fit the front of an evening dress, being held at the waist line and fastened gracefully to the front of the bodice.

Violets are the easiest to arrange. They may be pinned to a muff, tucked in at the opening of a coat or at the girdle of a waist and look well.

Artificial flowers are being more lavishly used on the evening gown this winter. In particular, artificial flowers are used to encircle the round neck; they nearly cover

DOCTORS DUBIOUS ABOUT STOVAINE

A DISTINGUISHED European surgeon is now visiting New York. The gentleman is Prof. Jonnesco of the University of Bucharest, and his mission is to demonstrate the value of surgical anesthesia without loss of consciousness. The procedure which he is undertaking to advocate is that of injecting into the spinal canal a solution of stovaine and strychnine. The demonstrations which he has thus far given in New York have been highly satisfactory, and it is felt that he has made great advances in the technique of spinal anesthesia. Nevertheless, there is really nothing new in his method.

The synthetic compound known as stovaine has for several years been recognized as an efficient local anesthetic, and, moreover, it has been used to some extent within the rheumatic canal. There is, too, no novelty about Prof. Jonnesco's procedure even in the addition of strychnine to the solution employed, for Dr. J. Leonard Corning of New York, who first employed spinal anesthesia, used strychnine with cocaine experimentally more than twenty years ago. If the high point at which the injection is given is regarded as a novelty, let him who so regards it remember that, as early as in 1899, Dudley Taft had made injections between the sixth and seventh cervical vertebrae. Prof. Jonnesco's main achievement seems to us to lie in the fact of his nice adjustment of doses to individual cases.

It must not be forgotten that the danger incident to spinal anesthesia is not the sole cause of the comparative desuetude into which the practice has fallen; there are in many cases grave objections to the very existence of anesthesia without loss of consciousness, though there are a few surgeons who still push the use of local anesthetics beyond what seem to us to be the bounds of reason. Local anesthesia in its proper sphere is unquestionably a boon, for general anesthesia has not yet been freed of all drawbacks. Nevertheless, it appears to us that, for all but minor operations, the embarrassment which may arise in consequence of a patient's consciousness must often outweigh those drawbacks.

Prof. Jonnesco is properly meted with a fair hearing, but we must deprecate the newspaper notoriety with which his mission has thus far been attended, though it has been mild in comparison with what has sometimes accompanied the exploitation of similar undertakings. Its tendency is chiefly harmful, by reason of its leading the public to expect the impossible and to insist upon impossible things. It is manifest that such a state of things is not only undesirable, but positively detrimental to the satisfactory practice of surgery. —New York Medical Journal

AEROPLANE EFFICIENCY

IN an exhaustive analysis of the various types of aeroplanes, a written by an Engineer, gives the following particulars: The Wright biplane for

and spreads 21.6 square feet of surface. For the Farman biplane the respective quantities are 84.5 pounds and 8.5 square feet; and for the Curtiss biplane, 18.3 pounds and 9 square feet. Among the monoplanes the Antoinette, per horse-power, weighs 50.8 pounds and spreads 7.3 square feet of surface; the Bleriot weighs 19.5 pounds per horse-power and spreads 6 square feet; while Santos Dumont's little machine, the "Demolisse," weighs only 8 pounds and spreads 4.5 square feet of surface per horse-power, or less than one-fifth as much as the Wright machine.

DANIEL'S COMET

THE comet discovered by Mr. Daniel of Princeton Observatory, has received considerable attention throughout the country. Dr. H. C. Wilson, of the Goodell Observatory, and Prof. E. H. Frost, Director of Yerkes Observatory, have both sent communications on the subject to Harvard College Observatory. Furthermore, Dr. Ebell, of Kiel, has computed an ephemeris. From the photograph which has been made at Yerkes Observatory it seems that the comet has no stellar nucleus; a short tail is suspected.

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Why let your letters go astray when printed stationary costs but little more than unprinted. Brand your envelopes, these hundred envelopes printed at this office with space left for number of day and name of sender for fifty cents. This offer for farmers only.

James Robertson, Crossfield. Cattle branded on left ribs. Aug. 14

Strayed

Strayed a chance to make money from my laund last week. I did not use the Chronicle columns. Finder please return to Merchant Mossback, Robinson's corner.

One bay mare, 10 years old, white strip across face above nostrils, branded Heart on left jaw, and lazy M over anchor on right shoulder. Reward will be paid for information regarding same. Jas. Fowler Crossfield. 2-41x

\$50 Reward will be paid for information leading to the conviction of any person having illegally in his possession, or claiming ownership to one bay gelding branded 92 on right shoulder, and had white hind foot and is of rangey build. Weight about 1400 lbs. 3 years old. \$10 will be paid for information leading to recovery. Alex Duncan, Gopher Head, Alta. 1-66

Lost

An opportunity to make money if you do not advertise in our columns.

Found

A paying advertising medium in The Crossfield Chronicle. Through it's columns you can sell your goods, find stray cattle and you have no worry.

Found in the bush a gold watch. The owner can have same upon proving ownership and paying expenses. C. H. Jarrett, Botted, P.O., via Cochrane, Alta. 1-11

Crossfield School District No. 753

THE REGULAR MEETING of the above School Board will be held at the School House at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday in the following months: January, March, May, July, September and November. All matters of business pertaining to this district will be attended to at this meeting.

The office of the Sec.-Treas. is in the Store of D. G. Harvie.
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AROUND THE TOWN

Mr. Chas. H. Mann was in Calgary Sunday.

Mr. L. G. Fisher was in Calgary on Monday.

See Jack. He sells land. J. S. Martin Crossfield.

Mr. Dave Rambo, of Calgary, was in town on Sunday.

Mr. O. D. Fleming is installing a Farmer's phone.

Mr. Don Mathieson was a visitor to Calgary on Friday last.

Mr. D. E. Rife was elected councillor for division No. 3, L.I.D., 14-A-5.

Mr. Chas. McLean has moved into the residence on the ranch of Mr. G. Becker.

List your land with Jack if you really want to effect a sale. J. S. Martin Crossfield.

At the meeting of the Floral school Mr. E. H. Morrow was elected trustee and secretary-treasurer.

List your land with Kennedy & Clarke real estate agents, Carstairs, and you will get quick sales.

The directors of the Agricultural Society meet to-day to discuss the advisability of holding a "seed fair."

Land, Land, Land I want it on my list, your land, your friend's land, all the land. J. S. Martin

Mr. Devin, of Medicine Hat, is now dispensing the "talk water" at the Alberta.

Money to loan on improved farms, no commission, no delay, you get the money in a few days. See Hulgren & Davis.

To a certain lady in town to-day we say "Many Happy Returns of the Day." That's got you going some.

Dave will return 50c. on every \$1.50 Hagen Shirt sold on Saturday and Monday.

Mr. F. Wigle, who went east a few weeks ago is, according to the latest reports received from our special correspondent, having a good time. He is visiting Amherstburg and Detroit.

Call and examine the Mason & Black Pianos and Doherty Organs ect. kept in stock by Hulgren & Davis and sold on easy terms.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Davis were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chambers, of McPherson Coulee, on Sunday.

Monday night Charlie went skating. First Charlie glided on his right foot. Then Charlie glided on his left foot. Finally Charlie glided on the portion of his anatomy usually covered by his coat tail. Then Charlie went home.

Mr. Fisher has made application to the village council for a permit to use the former creamery as a slaughter house and cold storage plant. Mr. Fisher intends making quite a number of improvements and we feel sure the matter when it comes before the council will be given the fullest consideration.

Mr. W. A. Milton ("blew into") the editorial sanctum on Tuesday and asked for a copy of the issue which contained the farewell of our friend Mr. D. Wilson when leaving for his Dakota home. Mr. Milton complimented us upon our article on the state of the passenger accommodation on this line. He said that he had been to Calgary half a dozen times recently and only once, and that last week, had been able to obtain a seat. In order to get it he was in the train 25 minutes before it was timed to start.

There was considerable excitement in this office on Tuesday evening for we had an invitation out for the evening. Our chances of turning up looked black for a while as it was wash day and no chinook, our shirt was frozen on the line. However, we managed to borrow one, captured our best tie and collar, proceeded to get out our "high day, holiday, wedding and funeral suit" obtained in trade, but when we came to find the pants! The evening was chilly so going in a kilt was out of the question; and it became a case of "See Dave," who was making some repairs to a most salient portion of the garment. We surprised the councillor at his first council meeting and procured our pants and turned up at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. Becker on time. We sat as much of her cake as etiquette would allow, having received instructions in that respect before starting out. Anyway, we managed to land a third cup of coffee when our Frau wasn't looking!

For quick sale we can offer an A-1 Farming quarter only three miles from Crossfield for \$25 per acre \$1,000 will handle same, balance on crop payments, or terms to suit, with 10 per cent. interest. See Hulgren & Davis.

A special meeting of the school board was held on Monday for the purpose of discussing the erection of a new school-house. The inspector having reported that one must be built so the secretary was instructed to write the Minister of Education for full advice and plans.

\$50,000 to loan on farm property at lowest rates of interest and favorable terms. All business strictly confidential. Kennedy & Clarke, real estate and money lenders, Carstairs.

The Pioneer Real Estate Firm, Hulgren & Davis, has the listing of the best land around Crossfield, close in, and on crop payments, at reasonable prices. Some good bargains for cash. Don't forget the name—Hulgren & Davis.

Messrs. Geo. Davis and E. S. Myers pulled in with their threshing outfit on Thursday, December 30th, after being fifty-five and a half days in operation. They put 123,000 bushels through their separator in that time. Taking off loss of time moving from place to place and other delays the total is good.

The Security Land & Investment Co., of Calgary put through an important deal here this week. They sold the farm of Mr. Chas. Armstrong, one mile east of town, to Mr. A. Hall. The purchaser hails from the state of Maine. The farm is 640 acres and the amount paid was \$30,000.

One of the largest crowds ever seen at an auction sale in this part of the world turned up to the sale of the implements, stock and household effects of Mr. L. G. Fisher on Wednesday, January 12th. Good prices were realized and the sale was successful in every respect.

We met our old friend Hank yesterday. He showed us the top of his head, a rather remarkable proceeding we will admit, but where once a certain amount of wool had sprouted now was a bare bald area. We asked what had caused the calamity. "This ain't no calamity. The going to Calgary to go to a doctor, and I want to qualify for the bald headed row."

In through the door they streamed. Surprise was written in large type upon the features of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner. It was a surprise party given in honor of the birthday of Mr. Wagner and while the number present was not large, being, but a few of the friends of the family, the presents were tasty and aptly chosen. "Many Happy Returns of the day," Mr. Wagner.

It was the evening of Tuesday, January 11th. Bright lamps gleamed through the windows of the farm house. Sounds of laughter, happy voices spoke for the gaiety within. The gathering broke up in time for breakfast on Wednesday, January 12th. While Mr. A. Lane is away in Ontario his two sons, George and Edward, did not forget the anniversary of the wedding day of their parents when it came round. They invited a number of friends and had a very enjoyable time.

The installation of the officers of the Oddfellows lodge took place on Wednesday night. The ceremony was performed by J. Coombe, of Airdrie, acting District Deputy Grand Master. The officers were as follows:—N.G., D. G. Harvie; V.G., J. Druryburgh; R.S., A. R. Thomas; F.S., G. W. Boyce; Treas., J. S. Davis; W., L. Bone; C., G. McLeod; R.S.N.G., W. B. Edwards; L.S.N.G., C. Anderson; R.S.V.G., C. Hulgren; L.S.V.G., M. L. Boyle; L.G., H. Becker; O.G., H. Onkes; R.S.S., G. Becker; L.S.S., H. McPhee; Chap., J. Mewhort. At the conclusion of the installation supper was served.

Jas. Brooks, local manager and salesman, for Vanstone & Rogers, Wawanesa, last week sold a splendid Clydesdale Stallion to W. B. Edwards, of Crossfield, Alta. De Bruce, Imp. (9728) (13438) is the horse in question. He was sired by Dunmore Castle (5598); grand sire, the celebrated horse, Baron's Pride, whose regular service fee with no guarantee is \$100. The sire of De Bruce, Dunmore Castle won first at the West of Scotland Union Show at Stewarton beating Casabianca, winner at Glasgow. De Bruce's dam, was Princess Alice Imp. (18898) (15538) by Prince Alexander Imp. (9375) (8899). Prince Alexander sold when a yearling for \$6500. When in condition De Bruce will easily weigh a ton. He is gifted with excellent motion, stands on the best set of legs and is in every way a treat for a horse fancier to look at.—Vagreville Observer.

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Provincial Paragraphs

The Alberta Hotel, at Cowley, Alta.,
and the meat market adjoining were
destroyed by fire on the 6th inst.

Owing to its being against the town's
by-law the town council at Olds refused
the Bank of Commerce permission to
erect a frame structure on Fourth St.

Ada Heifer, 3 year old daughter of a
German farmer, residing three miles from
Acme, was so severely scalded on the
evening of Tuesday, the 4th inst., that
she died the following day.

S. R. Hodson, editor of the Okotoks
Review, and John Kansas Knowles ex-
ecutive inspector of the same town have
a bunch of trouble on their hands.
George W. Mahon, an Okotoks merchant
is after them for libel.

One Celestial who rejoices in the name
of Fong Wing conducted a restaurant at
Clareholm and now he cannot be found
much to the annoyance of certain mer-
chants. The official receiver is taking great
interest in Wing's affairs.

This week we have good news for the
"sports." Everything is not "cornered"
yet. Judge Taylor in trying a case at
Edmonton on Thursday, January 6th,
gave a decision that playing poker for
money is not an illegal game in the province
of Alberta.

Thomas Roelback ran the Clareholm
Livery Barn. Tom hired a Mr. Johnston,
who after working a while needed some
coin, and it did not materialize.
Mr. Camies, J. P., was visited as a result
and a time limit of twenty-four hours
was given Thomas and he did not "come
through." Now "Tommy" is visiting at
the Mounted Police Barracks in
Macleod. In this case distress warrants
produced nothing. It is the first time
that the clause in the criminal code in
which imprisonment is the punishment
for a defaulting debtor has been enforced
in Clareholm.

For the past eight years "Dutch Henry"
had been a thorn in the side of dwellers
on both sides of the boundary line.
Cattle disappeared in a most annoying
manner. The activity of the police broke
up the band but the leader, who had
many narrow escapes, always avoided
capture. On Monday last he met a
member of the R.N.W.M.P., who was
patrolling in the vicinity of the "Big
Muddy" Sack. When the officer ordered
him to come along and visit His
Majesty's government he declined, and
shot the policeman's horse throwing the
policeman to the ground. "Dutch Henry" in
that position the officer opened the aid at the
second shot "Dutch Henry" was seized
with "lead poisoning," of a violent and
foul character.

WILL YOU BE THERE?

Last week a band meeting was called.
The day came, the hour came, the minutes
came and fled along the path of time,
but no singing musicians, no did band-
men turned up. We like music and we
believe that the people of Crossfield like
to listen to the sounds of harmony, but
can it be that the people of Crossfield are
content to wait until harps are served
out to them by St. Peter? Not! Out on
such a thought. If it be so—well—per-
chance some may get left.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

On Tuesday evening the members of
the new council gathered in the store of
D. Harvie for the purpose of discussing
municipal affairs.

It was moved by Councillor Harvie and
seconded by Councillor Calhoun, that
Councillor McAnally be chairman.

A motion by Councillor Harvie, seconded
by Councillor Calhoun, to the effect
that no councillor occupy the floor
at any meeting for more than ten minutes
without permission, was carried.

The following accounts were read:—
M. Wilson, sidewalk construction, 1900,
\$30.40; Geo. Reid, constable's salary,
\$10.00; Geo. Bishop, rent of hall for nomination
and election, \$6.00. Upon motion
of Councillor Harvie, seconded by the
Chairman, the accounts were passed.

The secretary-treasurer was instructed
to write to the Attorney General regarding
the power of the council in respect to
sanitary and other matters of importance
to the village.

The council then adjourned until
Thursday night, January 13th.

FOR RENT OR LEASE

Farm 480 acres, 2 miles E.W. Crossfield.
200 acres broken and cropped, 125 acres
pasture, 150 acres meadow. Live creek
through pasture, 3 wells splendid water.
Comfortable buildings. For Particulars,
address: F. C. Cowling,
Crossfield, Alta. 4-41

ACME NEWS

D. Stirling has sold his new livery
barn to Bert Smith.

Mr. Malysa's poolroom and tobacco
stand is now open for business.

Quite a quantity of grain is coming in
to the elevators Oats are selling at 35 cents
per bushel.

The Church of England and the Metho-
dist church have commenced holding
services here. They are using Malysa's
Hall.

A hall will be held in Malysa's Hall on
Friday evening, January 21st, admission
50 cents. The ladies of Acme are furnish-
ing refreshments.

Mr. Brown is erecting a nice residence
next to Mr. McLeod's. He says to rent
others say otherwise. Now what is it
Brown?

Williams & Pratt have sold their store
building to E. B. Shantz, of Carstairs,
who is opening up a harness and saddle-
ry business here.

J. Thomson, R. B. Estes, H. Mitchell
and G. Olavin paid a visit to Irricana on
Saturday. They report that as a town
Acme has Irricana beaten a mile.

—Auctioneer Bannerman, manager of
the Acme Realty Co., is busy listing prop-
erty for sale in preparation for the
spring rush; and hustling loans and insurance.

W. Bannerman is contemplating erect-
ing a livery barn about February 1st, if
the weather permits. The dimensions
will be 100x44 feet.

Rev. Mr. Buchanan, superintendent
of Methodist Missions was in town this
week. He says that the church will
build at this point in the spring.

Two gasoline lighting systems have
been installed this week. Mr. Malysa
has one in his poolroom, and Biggs Bros.,
general merchants have the other.

Acme did herself grand on Friday eve-
ning, January 7th at 8.30 p.m., when
the citizens gave a grand ball in honor
of the formal opening of the town, also
the opening of Malysa's Hall. At the
appointed time the hall was full of peo-

ple from the surrounding country. The
Hall was opened by Mr. and Mrs. H.
Mitchell, leading off in the Grand Ser-
pentine Circle and Double Line
Marches, followed by forty couples.
Dancing was kept up until 5 a.m., and
everyone pronounced it a decided success.
Among those present we noticed Mr. and
Mrs. A. E. Whitmore, Mr. and Mrs. D.
Whitmer, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and
Mrs. Brown, Junior and senior, Mr. and
Mrs. L. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ban-
nerman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Roy
Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and
Mrs. R. B. Estes and Mr. and Mrs. F.
Williams. The music was furnished by
the Dunbar orchestra of Three Hills and
W. Black, of Acme. Fully two hundred
people were in attendance.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Potatoes, per bushel...	\$0.75
Wheat, No. 1, red bus. ..	84c.
Wheat, No. 2, per	81c.
Wheat, No. 3,	78c.
Wheat, No. 4,	74c.
Wheat, No. 5,	68c.
Flax,	145c.
Oats,	25c.
Barley	32c.
Eggs	45c.
Butter	30c.
Hogs, live weight	\$7.00
Hogs, dressed	\$9.00
Cattle, live weight	lb. 25c to 3c.
Cows, live weight	" 2 to 3

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H. W. Currie
The Blacksmith
Successor to W. Bradley

Whips Harness

Robes Saddles

Can supply you with any kind of harness you
need, light or heavy. First-class in quality and
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Repair Work-A Specialty

Jas. Dryburgh

Crossfield

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Crossfield,

Alberta

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